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Dear Friends,

This newsletter is made up from news we have recently received from Serampore College and from a member who visited earlier this year, with some photos which I hope will interest you.

The Principal Dr. Lalitluangliana Khiangte writes - "we celebrated all our important days happily.... India's Independence Day 15.8.13; Carey Day 17.8.13 - a good number of students and admirers of William Carey had a procession to the Cemetery where the Principal delivered a message and some leaders of the Baptist Missionary Society came to share our joys in the day's programme; Carey Sunday 18.8.13 - visitors from China were entertained"



Dr. Khiangte has also written about the Serampore College Convocation which is held at a different affiliated College each year - it is their large graduation ceremony, plus the yearly meeting of the Senate of Serampore College. It is being hosted by Serampore College from 4-9th February 2014. They are anticipating hosting 1500 graduates, plus Council members, senators and other distinguished guests. There will be major expenses for accommodation and catering, erecting a huge stage and [Shamiana](#), providing a good sound system and transportation.

They are appealing to friends and partners of Serampore College to support with prayers and giving. This is a particular request outside of the normal support we give as Friends of Serampore. We have details of estimated costs for the areas mentioned above with Bank details if anyone wishes to make a separate donation. Please get in touch with Jenny (see contact details at top).



Staff at Serampore College

In March, one of our members spent a day at Serampore College, while visiting India. She has sent us a lovely account of her time there and the following are extracts, with some photos. Elizabeth writes:

"My father, who was himself born in India where his father was serving on the North West frontier, was a Baptist minister, and indeed, President Elect of the Baptist Union at the time of his premature death aged only 57. He never realised his ambition to tread in Carey's footsteps, but in March this year my husband Neil and I had that privilege... (we) were warmly welcomed by the principal and his staff.

Our first stop was to the church built by Carey on the banks of the Hooghly. The pastor kindly showed us round and as we looked at the site of the baptism of the first Indian convert, Krishna Paul, we were delighted to hear that 8 adult baptisms were shortly to take place - the church is still very much alive in Serampore and proud of its great history.



We very much enjoyed chatting to Professor Lalitluangliana Kiangte, seen in the picture (below left) with us and our friend and guide, Mrs Rekha Ramamurthi, whose brother attended the college.



Professor Banerjee (above right) showed us over the fascinating Carey museum, which has many artefacts owned and used by Carey, Marshman and Ward.

The Christian theological faculty is just a small part of the college, which therefore needs our prayers that it may continue to attract outstanding young men for the Christian ministry.

It was great to meet several of the outstanding young men currently studying for the Christian ministry. Two of them, David and Sanjib, took us over the impressive main college library and we watched the students playing cricket nearby. They then escorted us through the busy streets of Serampore to the beautifully kept graveyard where Carey and many of his family and colleagues still lie. It is not easy for Christians to spread the word of God in India, but the church is still there, and judging by what we saw, has some wonderful, now home-grown, pastors."

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 2012			
	INCOME		
Balance b/f: 01/01/2012	Current a/c	698.99	
	Deposit a/c	40.67	739.66
Donations and Subscriptions			1504.61
Bank Interest			0.04
			2244.31
	EXPENDITURE		
Journal Subscription		28.70	
Expenses (postage, etc.)		44.65	73.35
To Serampore College			2000.00
Balance c/f: 31/12/2012	Current a/c	130.25	
	Deposit a/c	40.71	170.96
			2244.31
Gift Aided donations and subscriptions sent through Broadmead Baptist Church			2156.00

It's great to have news from and of Serampore. We hope that you can use this newsletter as you faithfully pray for the staff, the students and the work of the College.

Andrew has provided the accounts for the last year. Pray that we can keep encouraging the work by our giving. Thank you to everyone who has been in touch since the last newsletter with updates and information; such lovely and encouraging personal responses.

Yours,
Jenny